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### **K-9 SIXX JOINS WAKE FOREST POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – April 21, 2006** – The Wake Forest Police Department is pleased to welcome K-9 Sixx as the latest addition to its K-9 division.

K-9 Sixx is a 20-month-old, 75-pound German Shepherd. His handler, Officer Tommy Hardee, says Sixx is a dual purpose K-9 which means he is trained to patrol and detect narcotics, such as cocaine, heroine, and marijuana.



Once used primarily to frighten and track criminals, the modern police dog is more highly trained and effective in a variety of roles. K-9s still track criminals but they also detect narcotics, search areas too dangerous for police officers, find lost children and elderly persons who have lost their way, and search crime scenes for evidence, including weapons.

The Wake Forest Police Department's K-9 program was created in 1997 with the purchase of the town's first dog, K-9 Chico, who retired last year.

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